

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of July 28, 2008**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Roger LeClair, Selectmen Melvin Adams, Kenneth Johnson, Charles Morse, and Gregory Sanders. Also present were Town Manager Nanci Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Police Chief Jeff Shaw, Preston Jump (The Veterans Place, Inc.), Sandy Combs (The Veterans Place, Inc.), George Hutchins (The Veterans Place, Inc.), Richard Schroeder (The Veterans Place, Inc.), Christine Scott (Mayo Healthcare, Inc.), Jay Angel (Black River Design Architects), Chaplain Jim Macintyre (The Veterans Place, Inc.), and Kathleen Lott (*Northfield News*).

Chair LeClair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **July 14, 2008 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-1, with Selectman Adams abstaining.**

III. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- a. **Warrant #03-09.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to approve Warrant #03-09 in the amount of \$58,871.32. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a. **Preston Jump, The Veterans Place Inc.: Proposed Use of Mayo-DeLary House.** Mr. Jump stated that The Veterans Place Inc. is a non-profit organization with a volunteer board. They will come to Northfield with a more formal hearing at a later time; this is an introduction. They are proposing to use the vacant Mayo-DeLary House to provide transitional housing for homeless veterans. Sandy Combs stated that the goal is to help out homeless veterans in Vermont. This is not a "shelter" but would provide a two (2) year rotation with supportive services. The Mayo Healthcare Board of Trustees has endorsed the project, as have two property abutters. The tentative opening will be next April or May.
- b. **Police Chief Jeffrey Shaw: Special Duty Rates.** Chief Shaw explained the Special Duty charges and would like to raise the rates to \$40 an hour. The cost then will fully cover the expenses. The rate of \$10 an hour for the use of the police cruiser, in addition to the federal mileage allowance, will be charged. If someone needs the Police Department for special duty, they would have to cover the cost of the car. Northfield Observances, inc. has used the Sheriff's Department for \$48 for Labor Day coverage. Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to approve the changes. **Motion passed 5-0-0.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to have this rate increase take effect immediately. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

V. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. **Status Reports: Various Projects:**
1. **Highway Access Ordinance.** Manager Allard distributed a sample ordinance from Ludlow, Vermont that is inclusive of what the Selectboard is seeking.
 2. **Northfield Drainage Project.** Manager Allard met with Dubois & King regarding this project. The surveyors will be in town soon.
 3. **Cox Brook Dam Removal.** They cannot start removing the dam until the water goes down a bit more. The road will not be blocked at all when the dam is removed.
 4. **New Police Station.** The waterline at the site is in. Selectman Adams is concerned that the Village ratepayers have taken on a large expense.

VI. SELECTBOARD

- a. **New Police Station Change Proposal Request #01 – Granite Curbs.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Adams, to authorize the granite curbs. **Motion passed 4-1-0, with Selectman Johnson voting in opposition.**
- b. **Executive Summary: National Incident Management System (NIMS) Adoption Document.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve the NIMS policy. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- c. **Town/Village Highway Consolidation:** There is a report in packets from the Merger Committee. There is a recommendation that the Merger Committee be given the authority to take the documentation on how to discontinue the highways and pass this recommendation off for adoption. They also would like authority to update the attorney's materials so they can proceed with public hearings. The committee has a budget of \$1000 to be used for legal and other necessary expenses.
- d. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
 1. **Highway Departments.** Selectman Morse commended the Town and Village employees for the excellent work to get the roads back in repair after the storm that washed out the sides of some of the backroads. They also were up early to work the Safety Day activities.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items: None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to adjourn **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.